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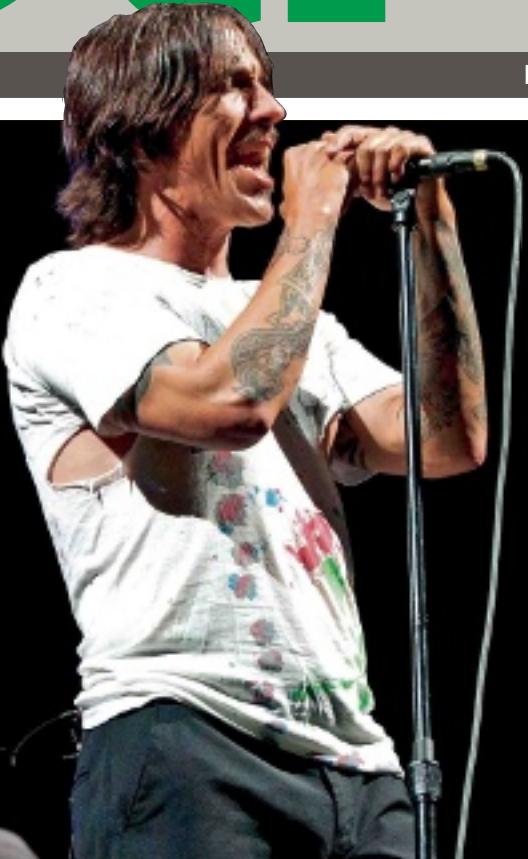
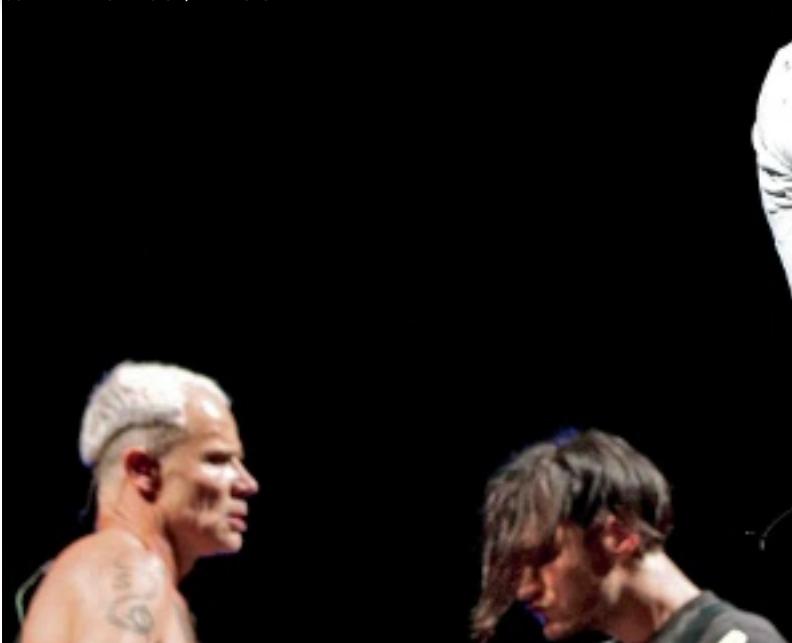
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## Illuminating Peace Tower policy

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**Feds scramble  
over too many  
light requests  
on Parliament**

  
**Haley  
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How's this for a colourful conundrum?

The federal government has been inundated with requests

from charities and causes to light up the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill — so many, in fact, that the department responsible for illuminating the historic building is at a bit of a loss for how to handle them all.

So now Canadian Heritage is scrambling to come up with an official strategy to deal with all the requests.

"In order to manage such requests and to ensure that the symbolic integrity of the Peace Tower is maintained currently and in the future, a strategy for dealing with these types of re-

quests is required," says a memo sent to former heritage minister Shelly Glover last September.

Metro obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

Last year, the Peace Tower was lit up in pink lights to mark the birth of Princess Charlotte — just as it had been lit up in blue for the birth of her older brother, Prince George, in 2013. The building was basked in a green hue after former finance minister Jim Flaherty, who was of Irish heritage, died in 2014.

In those cases, the govern-

ment paid the associated costs, but the tower has also been lit to support a number of causes, including breast cancer awareness, childhood cancer awareness, International Girls Day and World Autism Day.

All the options provided to the department are blacked out in Metro's copy of the memo to Glover, and the department declined a request for an interview to discuss details about the new illumination policy, which is still in the works.

But the memo does caution that the Peace Tower "must not

be used as a commercial promotional tool, as per the rules established for the use of Parliament Hill."

The memo says the Committee for the Use of Parliament Hill doesn't judge applications "on merit," but instead ensures all groups are given equal access to Parliament barring security concerns and calendar conflicts.

However, equal access to the lighting of the Peace Tower may be hindered by the cost: Unlike many downtown buildings, coloured lighting isn't built into the tower, meaning specialized

equipment needs to be rented.

In cases where a third-party makes the request, they pay all the costs — and Canadian Heritage isn't disclosing the dollar figure.

The memo does acknowledge that the presumably high cost means "the majority of inquiries do not result in formal requests."

In the United States, the White House has been lit to reflect numerous events and causes, including a rainbow to signify a court ruling allowing same-sex marriage and pink lights to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Your essential daily news

Many coffee lovers will spend more to earn freebies under Starbucks' changed rewards program. **Business**

## Wynne apologizes for 1912 rule



Premier Kathleen Wynne issues an apology regarding a regulation from 1912 that banned elementary-school teachers from speaking French. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### WEATHER

## 'Significant' storm to hit city this week



**Joe Lofaro**  
Metro | Ottawa

Less than a week after Ottawa dug itself out of a record-breaking snowstorm that wreaked havoc on commuters, another major storm is headed our way this week.

Environment Canada is tracking what it calls a "mixed bag" storm expected to hit the capital region Wednesday and well into Thursday, which will bring a combination of snow, freezing rain, rain and ice pellets.

"They're probably the worst storms you can get," said Etienne Grégoire, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

The storm is heading north from the southern United States and will reach southern Ontario and Quebec Wednesday afternoon.

For Ottawa, early forecasts call for mainly snow to start Wednesday, which will shift to ice pellets and freezing rain overnight. The rain will continue throughout Thursday before switching back again to snow.

Grégoire said Environment

Canada will have a better outlook on Tuesday on how much snow and rain will fall in the Ottawa area. Meteorologists are still monitoring a low pressure system headed to the area, which will have a major impact on precipitation estimates.

Skiers might be rejoicing at another dose of snow north of the city, where in areas like the Gatineau Hills could see close to 20 centimetres of snow by the end of Thursday.

Either way, Grégoire said Ottawa residents are in for "a significant storm" which will last up to 30 hours.

"If this was all snow, it would be like the last storm. It's really picking when and where that transition will be," he said.

Last Tuesday, 51.2 centimetres of snow fell on the ground at the Ottawa Airport, shattering a record set in 1947. City crews are still clearing snowbanks from that storm this week.

Environment Canada is forecasting temperatures to reach a high of -2 C on Wednesday and 3 C on Thursday.

Residents are asked to keep an eye on weather alerts for their area throughout the week.

Many schools and teachers refused to obey the regulation, so the government brought in another to take away school funding and teachers' certifications if they continued to allow French to be spoken.

"The tremendous courage and tenacity of Franco-Ontarians has not gone unnoticed," said Wynne.

"In just a few generations, Ontario has gone from a place that was at times resistant to diversity to a place that fully embraces different cultures and languages."



**The tremendous courage and tenacity of Franco-Ontarians has not gone unnoticed**

Kathleen Wynne

The premier dismissed the idea of compensation or reparations, and said the province was already making "concrete gestures" by providing French services and schools, and noted there is a debate about creating a French university.

"The government enforced regulation 17 for more than a decade before finally conceding that the policy was a failure, but it stayed on the books much longer," said Wynne.

"The francophone community feared that Franco-Ontarian children were losing their language."

The government of the day stated it wanted to raise the quality of English-language education in primary schools, so it prohibited teachers from communicating with students in French beyond Grade 2.

decades are very, very important in terms of recognizing the Francophonie in Ontario."

Sudbury Liberal backbencher Glenn Thibeault, who asked for the official apology, said it demonstrated that the government recognizes its past error.

"It's more than the apology itself," he said.

"It's the opportunity to turn that page and say that the francophone community is now one that's rooted in our province."

Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown called Regulation 17 "a black mark in Ontario's history" and said he supported Wynne's decision to apologize.

"It was wrong when it happened, and even though the apology is coming late, I'm glad that we're making it," he said.

New Democrat Leader Andrea Horwath welcomed the apology to Ontario's French-speaking community and urged the government to keep increasing the services it provides in French.

"The lasting impacts of this assimilation policy created barriers to education for francophone Ontarians for many decades," said Horwath. "Francophone children do not always have access to French schools, and we still don't have a French university governed by and for francophone Ontarians."

Ontario is home to about 612,000 francophones, the largest French-speaking population in Canada outside of Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alexandra Aversa clears snow from her driveway last Wednesday after a winter storm dumped record snowfall on the Ottawa area. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## TRANSPORTATION

## Premier open to new traffic-control tools

Premier Kathleen Wynne said Monday she is willing to consider letting municipalities use technology instead of police officers for traffic management but refused to specifically discuss whether she is in favour of photo radar.

The transportation minister was equally non-committal on what has been a political hot potato in Ontario for more than two decades.

It was raised again Monday by Toronto Mayor John Tory, who is looking for ways to cut the city's \$1-billion police budget. He will be formally requesting legislative changes that would allow the city — and other municipalities — to use technology such as photo radar and use non-police officers to guide traffic.

"It sounds small, but again, we deploy a lot of people doing that kind of thing and if I think a lot

of citizens out there ask themselves the question: 'Is it the best use of expensive, highly trained police officers to be doing that kind of work?'" Tory said. "A lot of them would say, 'No, it's not.'"

Wynne said it's "very possible" that some of the changes Tory is asking for would be applicable across the province.

Asked about bringing in photo radar province-wide, Wynne said she would not talk about "specific technologies."

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**It really needs to be a discussion that starts with the municipalities on the front line.**

Premier Kathleen Wynne

## GREENBORD

## OC Transpo planning south-end overhaul

Greenboro's local transit is getting an overhaul.

The south-end community's bus routes overlap too much in some places and leave residents stranded elsewhere.

To fix it, OC Transpo plans to axe route 143 and tweak routes 114 and 43 this June.

"They're looking to make it more balanced ... without any loss of service," said Martin Eley, president of the South Keys-Greenboro Community Association, who said the changes are a good compromise.

If approved, a modified 114 will take Johnston Road instead of Lorry Greenberg Drive, running every 30 minutes most of the time and dipping onto Tapiola Crescent every hour.

The changes should offer fast-

er, more frequent service and a direct St-Laurent connection for residents along Johnston Road, said OC Transpo's head of systems and planning, Pat Scrimgeour. Travellers could save up to nine minutes per trip, he said.

About 900 transit users on Lorry Greenberg and Cahill Drive would be left with only route 98, but that's the most convenient bus for most commuters anyway, Scrimgeour said. Wait times along there will increase by one minute.

The 43 will also change, joining the Transitway at South Keys instead of Walkley station.

Scrimgeour said his team "wouldn't be surprised" if ridership went up after the changes are implemented.

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# Loonie campaign sticks it to Energy East pipeline

## ECOLOGY OTTAWA

### New initiative aims to spread word through people's pockets

**Emma Jackson**  
Metro | Ottawa

If you've found an oil-slicked loonie in your pocket lately, you're not going loony — you're just an unwitting participant in the latest anti-pipeline campaign.

Ecology Ottawa has been hacking loonies with its black decals to protest TransCanada's proposed Energy East pipeline, which, if approved, will take 1.1 million barrels of crude oil across the Rideau River daily.

Up to 100,000 coins now show Canada's iconic loon floating on a black, oil-slicked lake, along with the website noEEpipeline.ca.

If it seems alarmist, that's the point, said Ecology Ottawa director Graham Saul.

"This is an alarming issue," he said. "The dangers are real."

The loonies could also be alarming in vending machines and coin counters, though.

According to Christine Aquino with the Royal Canadian Mint, if the sticker's too thick or hanging off the edge, it could jam the machine. Or the coin could be rejected if the decal adds too much weight.

"Some vending machines have quite tight tolerances," Aquino said.

But Saul said his group hasn't heard any complaints



**Estelle Morin**, one of the loonie campaign co-ordinators, shows off her dressed-up dollars.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

— from customers or the mint — since the campaign launched in December.

The stickers aren't illegal, either, he said. While it's certainly against the law to deface money, the decals peel off, so they don't count.

"If the mint has concerns, they haven't raised them with us," Saul said.

The mint did threaten fines and prison time in 2009 when a

Victoria, B.C. group launched a similar campaign against oil tankers, but Aquino said the finance ministry now deals with those issues. The ministry couldn't be

reached for comment.

Saul said the big-

ger issue is putting the pipeline conversation in people's pockets.

"We want an informed and engaged population in the city of Ottawa, talking about this issue, understanding it and understanding the threats," he said.

"There are a lot of people in Ottawa who still don't even know."

He said the campaign is "a clever way" of reaching people who are otherwise unfamiliar with the issue.

The 4,600-kilometre pipeline would carry bitumen from western Canada to Maritime refineries, passing through Stittsville, Richmond and North Gower.



**Ecology Ottawa is hacking loonies with black decals to protest the Energy East pipeline.**

ECOLOGY OTTAWA

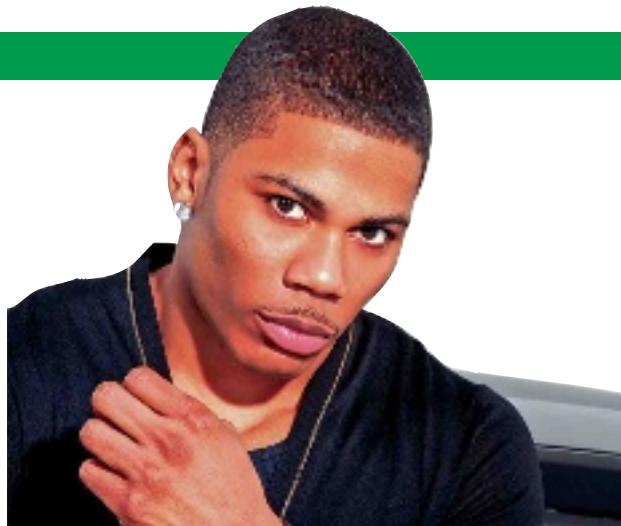
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**Country:** Sam Hunt (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO), Thomas Rhett.



**For the young'uns:** Nelly (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO), Alessia Cara, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Awolnation.



**Headliners:** Red Hot Chili Peppers (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO), Duran Duran, Brad Paisley.



**Electronic:** Cashmere Cat (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO), XXYYXX.



**Oldies:** Billy Idol (MICHAEL MULLER PHOTO), Joe Jackson, John Fogerty, The Monkees.



**Hip hop:** Future (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO), SchoolBoy Q, Freddie Gibbs.



**Canadian notables:** Yukon Blond (OLIVIA JAFFE PHOTO), Wolf Parade, Half Moon Run, Holy F#ck.



**Bluesfest favourites:** Zeds Dead (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO), Ben Harper.

# Bluesfest has all tastes covered

JULY 7-17

## Red Hot Chili Peppers, Brad Paisley, Duran Duran headline



One band performed in nothing but carefully placed tube socks. The other lifted its name from an erotic sci-fi film.

Both grew out of the punk rock scene of the 1980s — one to become an alt-funk-rock mainstay, and the other a wavy-

haired electro-pop boy group.

And now both the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Duran Duran will be headlining this summer's RBC Ottawa Bluesfest.

Also sharing the bill: country music legend Brad Paisley, who will draw a massive cowboy-boots-wearing crowd with his Grammy Award-winning songs about American Saturday nights and whiskey lullabies.

Whichever band best fits in your personal musical canon, there's something for the young, old and in-betweener at this year's Bluesfest, which runs July 7-17.

"(It's) a nod to the vintage

crowd, but not forgetting the younger audience that we built," said festival executive director Mark Monahan.

Billy Idol is another heavy-hitter who will make his Bluesfest debut. Then there's former Creedence Clearwater Revival frontman John Fogerty, alt-country-pop singer Sam Hunt, Joe ("Is She Really Going Out With Him?") Jackson, City and Colour and Bluesfest favourite Ben Harper.

As part of their 50th anniversary reunion tour, the Monkees will be busy singing. Micky Dolenz and Peter Tork are carrying on with an upcoming album, *Good Times!* (Davy Jones died in 2012 and Michael

Nesmith is working on other projects, according to Rolling Stone Magazine).

The latest record features songs by Noel Gallagher and River Cuomo.

Speaking of Gallagher, the former Oasis frontman is part of the lineup with his solo project, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds.

There has been much buzz lately about Wolf Parade — a Canadian indie folk favourite and one Monahan has been trying to snag for years. The band is back touring after a hiatus in 2010. It's not a headliner, but will draw headliner-calibre crowds; the band has sold out 10 shows in New York and To-

ronto, combined.

Also for the younger crowd: Brampton teen Alessia Cara, whose song *Here Went Viral*.

Then there's Nelly, who made waves in the early 2000s for *Hot in Herre* and *Dilemma*.

Funk bassist Tal Wilkenfeld, who slapped strings with Jeff Beck, Eric Clapton and Herbie Hancock, is a not-to-be-missed in Monahan's view.

Same goes for Portland's the Decemberists and the Tallest Man on Earth — two other

bands that have been on Monahan's radar.

As for bands on the Bluesfest bucketlist, Monahan is coy.

"There's always a list, but I can't," he said, trailing off into a chuckle. "You'd be disappointed if I didn't get them."

There will be a one-day Bluesfest pass presale on Thursday, from 10 a.m. until midnight. The general sale starts on Friday at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit ottawabluesfest.ca.



**It's a nod to the vintage crowd, but not forgetting the younger audience that we built.**

Festival executive director Mark Monahan

# Local acts worth seeing at Bluesfest

## MUSIC

**Organizer reports surge in interest from area bands**

**Lucy Scholey**  
Metro | Ottawa

RBC Ottawa Bluesfest executive director Mark Monahan credits Ottawa's thriving music scene for the surge in local bands vying for a slot in the city's largest music festival.

This year, about 400 local bands applied to play in the festival — about 50 more than last year.

"(There are) more bands forming and getting serious in playing," Monahan said, adding that Bluesfest gives them a chance to network with touring acts on home turf.

About 50 local bands are part of this year's lineup. More details will be released in the weeks leading up to the festival's July 7 launch



Half Moon Run is playing at this year's RBC Ottawa Bluesfest. CONTRIBUTED

date.

Here's a sample of local acts worth checking out, in no particular order:

**Half Moon Run:** Though the band is based in Montreal, lead vocalist Devon Portielje hails from Ottawa, where he

went to high school. The indie rock band, with notes of Radiohead and Fleet Foxes, last played at Bluesfest three

**There are more bands forming and getting serious in playing.**  
Mark Monahan

years ago.

**Amos the Transparent:** This six-piece indie folk-rock band has released four albums since it formed about a decade ago.

**Amanda Rheaume:** An Ottawa darling, Rheaume boasts more than 160 shows a year. And she has a new album in the works.

**Brock Zeman:** Carleton Place's rough-voiced folk-rock artist is reminiscent of Tom Waits.

With his own recording label Mud Records, Zeman has also helped give other musicians a boost, including Charles de Lint and Tom House.

**The Peptides:** Punch-coloured beehive hair and outfits to match. The Peptides blend funk-soul harmonies with a touch of dance.

**The Wicked Mercy:** A dirty mix of southern blues and rock with a sizeable Ottawa following.

**Lindsay Ferguson:** Splitting her time between Switzerland and Wakefield, Que., singer-songwriter Ferguson is coming home to her folky roots this summer.

**Tyler Kealey:** With familial ties to Venosta, Que., pianist Tyler Kealey's influences are Elton John and Supertramp. You can also see him playing with foot-stomping band the Doggers at the Black Sheep on St. Paddy's Day.

**Monday I Retire:** Groovy five-piece band with flecks of rock, pop and blues.

**The Jesse Greene Band:** A sizzlin' bluesy band that has competed in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis and the laid-back Blue Skies Music Festival in Clarendon, Ont.

**Brothers Dube:** This band of brotherly teens has been busking since the boys were (younger) kids. They have since opened for the Beach Boys.

**THERE'S NO PLACE  
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# Schitt's Creek

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Sen. Mike Duffy, a former member of the Conservative caucus, arrives to court in Ottawa for the final stages of his trial on Monday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Duffy 'fast and loose' with facts

## SENATE SCANDAL

### Crown turns up the heat as trial enters closing stages

Mike Duffy played fast and loose with both the facts and taxpayer dollars for the sake of his own reputation, the Crown argued Monday as the controversial senator's trial on fraud, breach of trust and bribery charges entered its final days.

Both the Crown and Duffy's defence team have now submitted hundreds of pages spelling out their lengthy closing arguments about the 31 charges he faces.

They are using the time on their feet in the Ottawa courtroom to hammer home some key points before Judge Charles Vaillancourt considers the 61 days of testimony he's heard since last April.

Crown prosecutor Mark Holmes, however, suggested Vaillancourt should review Duffy's own testimony with some trepidation, noting the number of times the accused dodged direct questions, contradicted himself and even admitted to exaggerating facts as part of his long career as a broadcaster.

"It may work in broadcasting," Holmes said, "but it is outrageous for a witness to do that at a criminal trial."

But, Duffy's lawyer rebutted

later in the day, the defence in a criminal case isn't the one who has the onus of proving the charges.

"Reasonable doubt arises independent of accused's evidence," Donald Bayne said.

"To hear the Crown talk, Sen. Duffy has to make his case. His evidence simply confirms other evidence in this case."

Duffy, who has pleaded not guilty to all 31 charges, has claimed throughout the trial that he was operating under a Senate expense system saddled with complex rules and lax oversight. His decision to accept a \$90,000 cheque from an official in the former prime minister's office — for which he's charged with bribery and corruption — was one made

under duress by a government bent on protecting itself, his lawyer has argued.

Crown prosecutor Jason Neubauer took on the task Monday of explaining the complex bribery charges — many observers have wondered how Duffy could be charged with accepting a bribe while those who allegedly offered it were never charged themselves.

Neubauer said Duffy controlled the process of getting the eventual \$90,000 from Nigel Wright, the former prime minister's chief of staff, by setting the conditions under

which he'd repay living expenses and housing claims. It was Duffy, Neubauer argued, who first floated the idea he wanted someone to give him the money to repay, not the other way around.

Duffy demanded approval of the media lines, wanted assurances that he'd still be eligible to represent P.E.I. and to be kept out of a broader Senate audit, he said. The Prime Minister's Office just wanted it to go away.

"Sen. Duffy's actions were driven by a desire to protect and advance his own interests," Neubauer said.

**Duffy's actions were driven by a desire to advance his interests.**  
Jason Neubauer, Crown prosecutor

Several of the charges Duffy faces relate to a \$65,000 Senate-approved contract he had with a friend's company and the fact that money was then used to pay for smaller contracts, rather than have those services run through the Senate approval system.

Among them were payments for makeup services as well as for a volunteer who thought she was working for free.

Holmes characterized the money as coming from a "slush fund" deliberately set up by Duffy to get around the Senate finance structure. Senate oversight of that system was impossible, Holmes said.

Duffy's lawyer will present his final thoughts in the case on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## JUSTICE

# Bail-system plan welcomed

done by University of Ottawa criminologist Cheryl Webster for the Justice Department.

The study was released to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

DCAO president Trevor Brown says the bail system is in need of an overhaul.

"It tends to marginalize the poor, the mentally ill, the drug-addicted, First Nations people. You have all these people on remand who have not been found guilty and are presumed innocent, but they lose their liberty while they're awaiting disposition," he said.

One of the recommendations is to establish a legislative framework that presumes innocence and does not detain anyone unless the Crown convinces the court it's necessary.

Detaining people while they wait for a bail hearing or a trial comes at a cost, warns Brown. Inmates held in overcrowded jails are frequently on lockdown and have limited access to a phone. Brown said he would like to see more resources for the marginalized and "see less resources invested in trying to keep people in custody."

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Sydney radio host Rob Calabrese has launched a website titled 'Cape Breton if Donald Trump Wins,' which has created a surge of interest in the island's real estate. CONTRIBUTED

TRUMP FACTOR

## Cape Breton real estate sees burst in American inquiries

 **Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

A website encouraging Americans concerned about Donald Trump's rise in the Republican party to move to Cape Breton has created a surge of interest in the island's real estate.

On Feb. 15 Sydney radio host Rob Calabrese launched a website titled 'Cape Breton if Donald Trump Wins.'

Calabrese told Metro last week that he initially launched the site as a joke. He had been following the American election closely, including the debates and Trump's controversial stances on banning Muslims from the country and building a wall on the Mexican border.

His website struck a chord. Calabrese has since received national and international media attention. His website has so far garnered more than 200,000 visitors, and he has received as-

sistance from Destination Cape Breton to deal with thousands of inquiries from Americans.

Canadian real estate listings website Point2Homes has also experienced a surge in traffic from Americans seriously considering a move to Cape Breton.

"Data collected from our website shows that despite some considering the story a joke, many Americans took it quite seriously," Point2Homes spokesperson Roxana Baiceanu said in an email to Metro.

"We're seeing almost 40,000 daily visits on average on the Cape Breton listing pages, all coming from the U.S. In addition, more than 200 emails have been sent to agents or friends."

Baiceanu wrote on her real estate blog that Cape Breton real estate searches via Point2Homes have jumped by 3,450 per cent since they shared Calabrese's story last week.



Donald Trump  
GETTY IMAGES

Last Friday, the number of visits to that website's Cape Breton listings pages spiked to more than 50,000.

"Not only that, but at least two dozen potential home buyers have sent emails to agents, showing their interest in houses on the island," she wrote on her blog.

Although Calabrese had initially tried to personally respond to all the questions posed by Americans checking out his website, he has since posted a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section.

"I am humbled. I am just a regular guy who started this as a way to get people to see what we have here on Cape Breton Island, and I am so happy, that so many of you have come to learn more," Calabrese wrote on the site's homepage.

"But the truth is, we welcome all, no matter who you support, be it Democrat, Republican or Donald Trump."

 IN BRIEF

**Jeopardy! host keen on keeping Canadians on-air**

When this year's pool of Jeopardy! contestants dries up, Canadians — beyond host Alex Trebek — will no longer be seen on the show.

Producers say that "ever-changing and complex" international laws governing the sharing of information over the Internet precluded Canadians' participation in last month's online test.

Trebek said he hopes to clear up the issue, as Canadians "make great game show contestants."

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WINNIPEG

## Teen seeks apology for racial remark

An indigenous teen says being the target of a racial slur from a city community centre worker made him feel less than human, and he wants an apology.

The 14-year-old, who asked that his name not be used, says he was hanging out on the grounds of a community centre near his Winnipeg school earlier this month when the worker told him and a friend to leave.

When they lingered, he says, the worker called him a "stupid f-ing Indian."

"My heart sank," the Grade 8 student said Monday. "He made

me feel like I was worthless.

"It's stuck with me. At school, it's hard to concentrate because those words keep replaying in your head ... It makes you feel terrible."

The community centre issued a statement after the encounter that said the centre takes "these types of incidents very seriously and has contacted (the mother) and offered our apology."

But the teen's mother said no one from the community centre or city has apologized to either her or her son. She said she is filing a human-rights complaint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Larger deficits than projected: Federals

BUDGET

## Shortfall likely to exceed \$20B in wake of big-ticket promises

The federal government is projecting a deficit of at least \$18.4 billion next year, a shortfall nearly five times the projections from just three months ago and well past the \$10-billion limit promised by the Liberals.

When the government unveils its maiden budget on March 22, the deficit could well exceed \$20 billion once a number of big-ticket Liberal campaign promises — including infrastructure spending — are factored in.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau staged a campaign-style town-hall event Monday to deliver the bad news and reassure Canadians who might be reconsidering their ballot-box choice last October.

"Given the economic situation in which we find ourselves today, Canadians made the

right choice" by voting Liberal, Morneau said.

The federal Finance Department is also predicting a \$15.5-billion deficit in 2017-18 — more than six times its estimate last fall of \$2.4 billion.

The Liberals are banking on some of their spending vows to help revive economic growth and create jobs in Canada's struggling economy.

The calculations are based on an average projected oil price of \$40 for 2016, down from \$54 in the government's fall update.

and projected growth of 1.4 per cent, down from two per cent in the fall.

Finance says the fiscal projections are about \$2 billion lower per year because recent developments have been accounted for, including the Liberals' changes to the income-tax brackets and Canada's operations in the Middle East.

Ottawa also adjusted its deficit forecast for 2015-16 — a shortfall is now projected to be \$2.3 billion rather than the previous estimate of \$3 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

I know the cries will get louder over the next few weeks, but I won't have budget 2016 simply become a knee-jerk reaction to recent economic shifts.



Bill Morneau  
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**Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders greets people at the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, S.C. Sanders and Hillary Clinton continue to battle for primary voters as South Carolina holds their Democratic primary Feb. 27. POE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES**

## Kalamazoo suspect admits to shootings

The Uber driver suspected in a series of three random shootings in Michigan admitted carrying out the seemingly random attacks that killed six people, a prosecutor said Monday.

Jason Dalton waived his right against self-incrimination before making the statement to authorities, Kalamazoo County prosecutor Jeff Getting said.

Dalton's statements were used to file charges of murder and attempted murder Monday, two days after the rampage in the Kalamazoo area.

Dalton appeared in court via



**People gather and pray at Center Point Church following a mass shooting in Kalamazoo, Mich. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES**

video to hear the charges. He was ordered held without bond

and will get a court-appointed attorney.

If he's convicted, the murder charges carry a mandatory life sentence. Michigan does not have the death penalty.

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller said Uber is cooperating with law enforcement officials. Investigators are particularly interested in communication between Dalton and Uber, as well as customers he might have driven, the sheriff said.

Questions about motive and Dalton's frame of mind are "going to be the hardest to answer for anybody," Fuller said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### GLOBAL WARMING

## Humans causing rapid rise in sea levels

Sea levels on Earth are rising faster than they have in 2,800 years and are accelerating because of man-made global warming, according to new studies.

An international team of scientists dug into two dozen locations across the globe to chart rising and falling seas over centuries and millennia. Until the 1880s and the world's industrialization, the fastest seas rose was about 3 to 4 centimetres a century. But in the 20th century the world's seas rose 14 centimetres. Since 1993 the rate has soared to 30 centimetres per century. And two different studies

published Monday in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, said by 2100 that the world's oceans will rise between 28 to 131 centimetres.

"There's no question that the 20th century is the fastest," said Rutgers earth and planetary sciences professor Bob Kopp, lead author of the study that looked back at sea levels over the past three millennia. "It's because of the temperature increase in the

**1 ft.**

**Sea-level rise per century as of 1993, compared to 1.5 inches per century prior to 1880.**

20th century which has been driven by fossil fuel use."

To figure out past sea levels and rates of rise and fall, scientists engaged in a "geological detective story," said study co-author Ben Horton, a Rutgers marine scientist. They went around the world looking at salt marshes and other coastal locations and used different clues to figure out what the sea level was at different times. They used single cell organisms that are

sensitive to salinity, mangroves, coral, sediments and other clues in cores, Horton said. On top of that they checked their figures by easy markers such as the rise of lead with the start of the industrial age and isotopes only seen in the atomic age.

When Kopp and colleagues charted the sea level rise over the centuries, it was on a downward trend until the industrial age.

Jonathan Overpeck at the University of Arizona, who wasn't part of the studies, praised them, saying they show a clear cause and effect between warming and sea level rise. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Black support key to Democrat race

### WHITE HOUSE RACE

#### Clinton has edge over rival; Sanders has to play catch-up

Bernie Sanders has eight days to win the hearts of black voters in the Deep South.

Sanders, a senator from America's second-whitest state, has never before had to build a black following. If he doesn't do it immediately, he likely can't beat Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination. And he sure isn't doing it yet.

South Carolina's primary is Saturday. Sanders and Clinton are in a dead heat for its white voters. For many of its black voters, Clinton might as well be running unopposed.

Most of them first heard Sanders's name in the past year, some of them in the past week. Even voters who know of his record say they have tuned him out. Their vote was se-

cure the moment Clinton announced.

In three South Carolina polls released last week, Clinton led Sanders 73 to 19, 63 to 21 and 63 to 23 among African-Americans. While Sanders did better with blacks under the age of 30, there was no sign of the white-millennial Berniemania that gripped New Hampshire.

Without such a groundswell, a dramatic race might turn fast into a rout. Black voters are half of the primary electorate in South Carolina. On Super Tuesday, March 1, they make up a hefty share of the vote in six southern states. Clinton's smallest lead with blacks in those states: 40 points.

Sanders is scrambling to trim the gap. He is running a stirring ad featuring the daughter of Eric Garner, a black man killed by police. He is stumping with a former NAACP leader. And

his campaign has played up his youthful civil rights activism.

But black Democratic elites have come out in force for Clinton. Sanders has not deviated much from his core message, which emphasizes income inequality over racial inequality.

It is criminal justice where Clinton might be vulnerable, said Robert Smith, a San Francisco State University political science professor. Bill Clinton signed a harsh 1994 crime bill that caused an explosion in black imprisonment.

"To many of us who have studied (Bill) Clinton and his record very carefully, the kind of affection that blacks have for him and his wife is not earned," Smith said. "He governed in a very, very Reagan-like way on issues of concern to blacks. I don't think most black, ordinary voters are aware of that."

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**He governed in a very, very Reagan-like way on issues of concern to blacks.**

Prof. Robert Smith on Bill Clinton's record

### IN BRIEF

#### Cosby's wife speaks to charges against husband

Bill Cosby's wife Camille, who has stood by him despite sexual-assault allegations, was deposed Monday in a defamation lawsuit filed against him by seven accusers. She did so at a hotel in Springfield, Mass. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### U.S. and Russia not helping peace in Syria, UN says

War crimes are "rampant" in Syria, and the conflict is a "multisided proxy war steered from abroad by

an intricate network of alliances," a UN inquiry said Monday. It said the U.S., Russia and regional countries ostensibly pushing for peace "continue to feed the military escalation."

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#### Cuba declares war on mosquitoes for health

Cuban President Raul Castro is dispatching 9,000 soldiers to help keep the Zika virus out of Cuba, calling on the entire country to help kill the mosquitoes that carry the disease. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Destroyed homes in the wake of Superstorm Sandy in Ortley Beach, N.J., in 2012.** Sea levels are rising faster than they have in the past 2,800 years because of global warming, according to new studies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## STARBUCKS

**Loyalty program overhauled**

Starbucks is changing the terms of its rewards program so that people who just get a regular cup of coffee will have to spend significantly more to earn a freebie.

The Seattle-based coffee chain says its loyalty program will award stars based on dollars spent starting in April at all its Canadian and U.S. locations.

Currently, people earn a star for each transaction, regardless of how much they spend, and get a free foodstuff or item of their choice after earning 12 stars.

People will now have to earn 125 stars for a free item, with each dollar spent being worth two stars — meaning they have to spend \$62.50 to get a free item. That means that people who now spend around \$5 or less per visit are losing out.

Starbucks Corp. says the change is the No. 1 request among loyalty program members and predicts it will lead to higher spending by customers eager to earn more stars.

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## FEDERAL ELECTION

**New Canadians, young people 18-24 cause of high turnout**

 **Luke Simcoe**  
Metro | Toronto

The surge in voter turnout during the 2015 federal election was driven largely by young people and new Canadians.

Sixty-seven per cent of voters ages 18 to 24 cast a ballot in October, compared to only 55 per cent in 2011, according to data released Monday by Statistics Canada. A similar spike was observed among Canadians who've had citizenship for less than a decade — 70 per cent said they voted last year, versus 56 per cent in 2011.

The increased turnout may have more to do with the specifics of the election — which ousted the Conservatives and propelled Justin Trudeau and the Liberals to power — than



Experts say Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "upbeat" campaign was one reason he resonated with the electorate. **About 67 per cent of young people cast ballots in the 2015 general election, while 70 per cent of new Canadians made their voices heard.** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

a renewed sense of political participation, experts say.

"I don't think it's a coincidence that turnout was up among young people when both the Liberals and the NDP were looking very strong," said Ryerson University politics professor Daniel Rubenson. "Young

people tend not to support the Conservative party."

It also helped that Trudeau ran an "upbeat" campaign and was cast as a youthful alternative to established politicians, said York University professor Dennis Pilon.

"People like to see people

like themselves in the political system," he said.

It's incumbent on politicians to ensure high turnout among youth and immigrants isn't just a blip, Pilon said.

"If we want to keep youth voting up, if we want to keep multicultural voting up, then we

 **We need to address the serious economic problems those groups are facing.**

Dennis Pilon, on youth and multicultural voters

need to address the serious economic problems those groups are facing," he said. "A government that would take up youth employment, for example, in a serious way would recruit a solid base of supporters.

"It would make those people say 'politics matters.'

Other strategies to increase turnout could include lowering the voting age, adopting a proportional representation system, or even making voting mandatory, Pilon said.

"The evidence from countries that use compulsory voting is that it's more inclusive," he said. "Political parties have to think of the different kinds of voters who will show up and craft policies to cater to them."

## ASHLEY MADISON

**Police investigate U.S. site for posting hacked data**

Utah authorities are investigating a website for allegedly posting data from the Ashley Madison hack.

According to warrants filed in a Utah court, the State Bureau of Investigation is investigating a website and Facebook page for publishing the personal details of Ashley Madison customers from the southern Utah area.

The website and Facebook page, both titled "AM Southern Utah," were allegedly created with data stolen from the Toronto-based Ashley Madison.

No one has been charged with a crime.

"Our cyber unit has an investigation in Southern Utah related to the Ashley Madison hack," said a spokesperson for State Bureau of Investigation in an email. "Because it is currently an active investigation we are not able to provide more details at this time."

Ashley Madison, which helps people have extramarital affairs, was hacked in July, and millions of customers had their information leaked online. Toronto police are investigating



Police are investigating a Utah website for allegedly posting hacked Ashley Madison data online. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

the hack, and working with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies. Since the hack, numerous people caught up in the hack have reported being targeted by online extortionists, and Toronto police said the attack may be related to hate crimes and two unconfirmed reports of suicide.

The details of the Utah investigation were first made by Deseret News, a local news organization owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

State authorities traced the website back to a local man,

who allegedly registered the website to a post office box in Cedar City, Utah, on Aug. 23.

According to the warrants, his Twitter profile picture shows a picture of a man whose face is obscured by a baseball cap inscribed with the word "blackhat."

"The term blackhat commonly refers to a computer hacker involved in nefarious activities," the warrant states.

On Aug. 30, the man allegedly tweeted that his site had been "nuked."

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 **BANKRUPTCY****Judge questions photos of 50 Cent with piles of cash**

Rapper 50 Cent has been ordered to appear in bankruptcy court in Connecticut to explain photos showing him with wads of cash.

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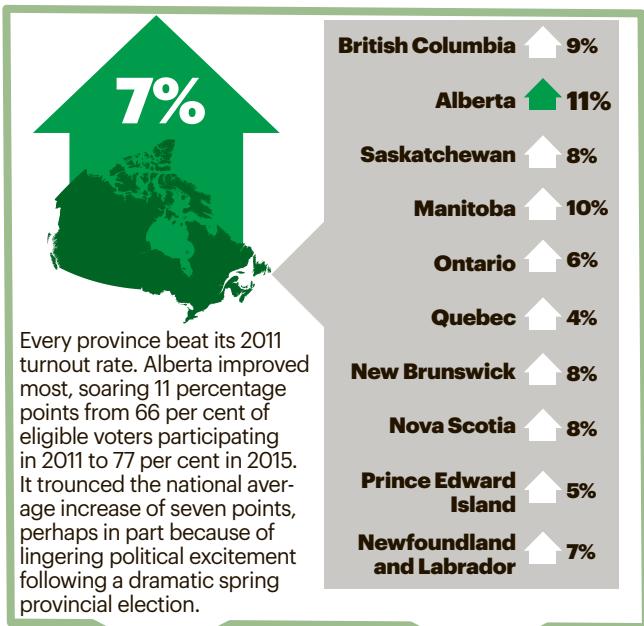
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## READY TO ENGAGE | 2015 Elections voter turnout

# A milestone for Canada

During the fall election campaign, Metro asked if young, urban Canadians were ready to engage with the issues — and put their engagement into action by showing up to vote. You were more than ready: Self-reported voter turnout surged in every province and demographic group, according to a Statistics Canada report released Monday. Seventy-seven per cent of eligible voters said they cast a ballot, up from 70 per cent in 2011. We break down who voted, who couldn't figure out how to vote, and who had nothing but excuses, excuses.

### PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION

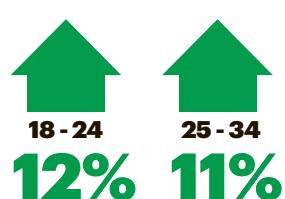


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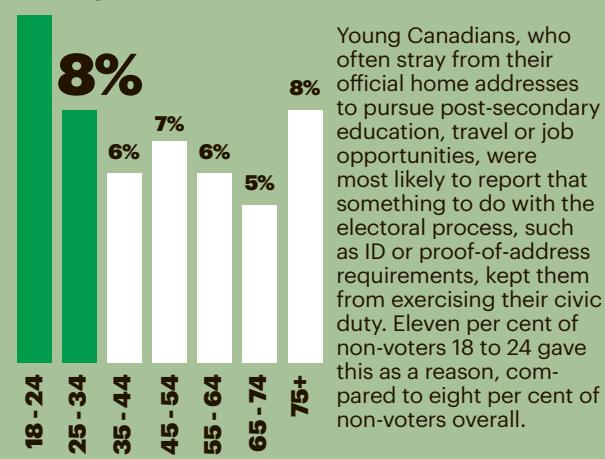
Amid a campaign dominated by cultural debates over Syrian refugees and the niqab, the voter turnout rate among immigrants with citizenship who've been in Canada for less than a decade jumped 14 points: from 56 per cent in 2011 to 70 per cent in 2015. Newer arrivals who did not vote were less apt to say they didn't care about politics and more likely to either be too busy or have difficulty navigating the electoral system.

### YOUTH VOTES



Millions of young voters turned up to polling stations across the nation for the first time this fall. However, 18 to 24 year olds still voted at lower rates than the general population — 67 per cent cast a ballot, compared to 55 per cent in the last federal election.

### ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT



### METRO ASKED | What does the surge in youth voter turnout mean to you?

In the lead-up to the Oct. 19 election, Metro met with young, politically active voters from cities across the country. Jerilynn Webster, 26 — who called herself the Drake to the Conservatives' Meek Mill — said she was concerned about indigenous children in care, welcoming refugees and protecting the environment.



**JERILYNN WEBSTER, AKA JB FIRST LADY**  
Rapper, spoken-word artist  
Vancouver, B.C.

It was predicted like 10 years ago that young people would change our communities, because we are half of the population. I feel like young people are the experts in knowing how to create justice, how to create safety for our communities — because we want justice for our children, missing women, our environment, refugees.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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# Meritocracy is a myth. Pointing that out will still get you harassed.

There is a limit to last wishes beyond the grave.

Which is too bad for Dr. Victor Priebe of Windsor, Ont., a radiologist who loved photography and public libraries, but apparently didn't care for non-white people or lesbians.

Priebe, who died Jan. 1 at 83, set up two science bursaries in his will, which is replete with blatant hatred and which an Ontario judge has struck down because it is "white supremacist, homophobic and misogynistic."

The will stipulated one bursary for "Caucasian (white), male, single, heterosexual students" who are "not afraid of hard manual work in their selection of summer employment," and another one to benefit a "hard-working, single Caucasian white girl who is not feminist or lesbian."

In her ruling, the National Post reported, the judge relied on a 1938 Supreme Court decision, which allowed the overturning of wills that are offensive to public standards (in this case, the Ontario Human Rights Code).

Priebe's will is certainly offensive, and absurdly, laughably, quaintly out of date.

Yet we still needed, upon Harper Lee's death last Friday, to celebrate her novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* as a perpetually relevant tool to grapple with persistent discrimination, a map for "how to go forward after a moment of blatant in-

justice," in the words of one New York Times commenter.

White supremacy and sexism may be legally out of date, but whiteness, maleness, power and privilege are still deeply entwined in the West. And while it's easy to laugh at an old man's will (what's with all the "hard-working" stuff?), some are not so keen to actively rebalance the inequality with which it's imbued.

Take the crowd that attacked Buzzfeed's Scaachi Koul — and forced her off Twitter — after she sent a call out for freelancers who were non-white and non-male. Koul, a rising voice on racism and sexism and a once-formidable Twitter presence, was ridiculed for her tone ("ugh, men" she tweeted). Maclean's Scott Gilmore charged her, ridiculously, with labour-rights violations. She got the predictable rape threats. She made the obvious counter-argument: "Giving ignored voices preferential treatment is not racism against white people. It is an attempt to fix all of history," she tweeted before suspending her account.

This is where we are: An imagined meritocracy blankets our lopsided press, business elite and politics, and pointing that out gets you harassed. Priebe might not be getting what he wanted, but his would-be beneficiaries continue to do just fine without him.

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# YouTube superstar takes her sparkle to L.A.



Internet sensation and Scarborough, Ont. native Lilly Singh has moved to Los Angeles to capture the energy of the city's entertainment industry. CONTRIBUTED

## IIISUPERWOMANII

### Lilly Singh is off to show biz capital after her world tour

It's been an unexpected and eventful journey from the Scarborough, Ont. home where Lilly Singh first became a YouTube star to the bright lights of Los Angeles.

In between, there was a whirlwind global tour in 2015 that included 31 shows in 27 cities — most of them sold out — chronicled in the documentary *A Trip to Unicorn Island*, which premiered on YouTube Red earlier this month.

"Everything that people love about my videos and channel online, I wanted to bring it to a stage and bring it to cities across the world. There were a lot of places that I'd never been such as Trinidad, such as Hong Kong," says Singh, a comic and motivational speaker.

"The biggest highlight was meeting the fans from all over the world. You make videos online and you see analytics and comments. But there's something special about seeing people's faces in real life."

The tour didn't come without its "hiccups," including visa problems in India and a stage in Adelaide, Australia, that was barely large enough for Singh and the eight backup dancers she brought

along. In Dubai, employees of the theatre smoked prodigiously throughout the show.

"The schedule was quite ambitious, especially to begin with. India is a hard country to start with because it is on the opposite (side) of the world. So you had to adjust to not only the weather and the food and the climate (but) also the time," Singh recalled.

"So our first six shows back to back were in India and after the sixth show, I was hospitalized already from dehydration and exhaustion," she added.

The tour and the new film are just the latest triumphs in an unlikely success story that began in 2010 when Singh started posting comedy videos from her bedroom enclave.

**I still love YouTube — but I would really love to get into TV and film.**  
YouTube star Lilly Singh

Last year, Singh was listed No. 8 on Forbes list of YouTube millionaires and more recently landed on its influential 30 Under 30 list of emerging stars.

Besides a clothing line, Singh has two YouTube channels, *IIISuperwomanII*, where she continues to post her Monday and Thursday "scripted comedy" videos for an estimated 7.8 million fans, and *SuperwomanVlogs*,

where she posts a daily blog for her "super-fans."

For Singh, the next logical step was heading to Los Angeles, a move she made early in the new year.

"One of the main reasons I moved to L.A. is because there's like-minded people there, people in the same industry as me. So you have that motivation and drive because when you look around, you see everyone else doing something and so you feel guilty if you're not doing something," Singh said.

"That energy is exactly what I need to flourish in my career at this point. Almost everybody in the (entertainment) industry lives in L.A. so it's very easy to collaborate and bounce

ideas off each other."

Former WWF star Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who has become a solid box office draw as an action star, has become a mentor. (Johnson makes a brief appearance in *Unicorn Island*).

"We have yet to work together, but he does kind of guide me through a lot of things. It would be my dream to work with him on a creative project one day," Singh said.

"I would love to get into TV and film. I've been auditioning and I love acting the few times I've done it. I'd love to get into that world not necessarily instead of YouTube — I still love YouTube — but I would really love to get into TV and film."

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## JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

### Dogs, pop stars tressed to impress

**THE SHOW:** Grammy Awards (CTV/CBS) and Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (USA/CNBC)  
**THE MOMENT:** The Promenade

One by one, the most celebrated of their ilk stride the carpet and pose. Judges rate their teeth, their grooming, their gait. Some grin, some snap, some quiver. Eventually, they're herded into small groups where they compete head to head, often with others utterly unlike them. Many receive awards, but there's only

one Record of the Year. I mean, Best in Show.

The Grammy Awards and the Westminster Kennel Club show happened on the same night this year. Flipping between them, I got confused. On one channel was Common, in polka-dot lapels; on the other was CJ, a spotted German pointer. Here an announcer described a spaniel as having a "merry demeanor;" there, Adele grinned. Taylor Swift's blonde bob shone; so did the white bob on the Hairless

Chinese Crested.

The black and white Shih Tzu wore its hair in barettes; Janelle Monae, also in black and white, sported pigtails and a bellhop cap. Beyoncé and a Borzoi dazzled in silky white. Here came a lovely red Cirneco dell'Etna, there went lovely redhead Florence Welch. And just as an announcer called Italian greyhounds "affectionate to the point of neediness," John Legend and Chrissy Teigen appeared.

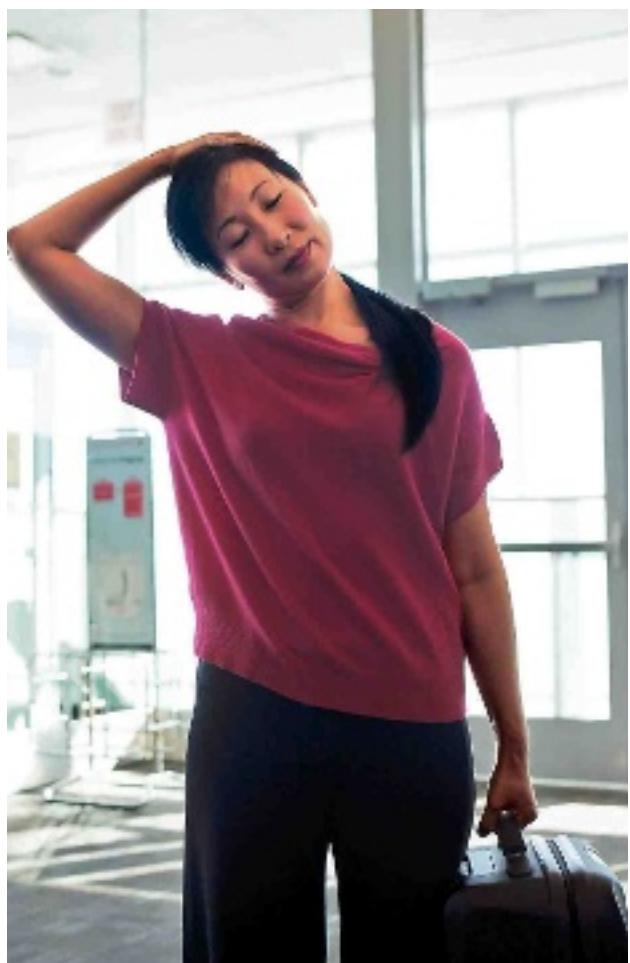
The Grammys gave out 83

prizes; the WKC recognized 187 breeds. Both were exhaustive, dizzying displays of grace, discipline and hair styling. But how anyone could choose between a bulldog, a German shepherd and a Skye terrier — I mean, between Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars and The Weeknd — I'll never know.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



A Maltese competing at the WKC dog show, left, and Taylor Swift at the Grammys. AFP/GETTY IMAGES; LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS



**YuMee Chung demonstrates the Levator Scapula Layover stretch.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Take the tension out of your layover

## THE MOVES

### This yoga stretch will help unwind neck muscles

**YuMee Chung**  
Torstar News Service

There are few things more stressful than a super short layover. By the time you've deplaned and made a mad dash between gates (if not terminals) with a carry-on bag and personal items in tow, you'll definitely need a vacation. This yoga move can be done in the moments before you board your next flight to unwind tense neck and shoulder muscles.

#### Levator Scapula Layover

1. Hold your bags with your left hand and/or shoulder, allowing the arm to hang heavy and the shoulder to be pulled towards the ground.

2. Lay your head to the right, as if you mean to place your right ear on your right shoulder.

3. Use your right hand to reach over and take hold of the left side of your head. Think of this hand as encouraging a slow, organic release rather than forcing a sudden stretch.

4. Breathe into the left side of your neck for eight slow breaths.

5. Next, turn your nose down toward your right shoulder and move your right hand slightly towards the back of your head.

6. Breathe into the back of your neck for eight slow breaths.

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A healthy neck can lean over laterally at an angle of about 45 degrees

7. Remove the right hand and use it to manually move your head into an upright position.

8. Repeat on the other side.

#### Get to know your fight-or-flight muscles

The levator scapulae (levator scapulae for short) are sometimes referred to as fight-or-flight muscles because they are notorious for firing under stressful conditions. They hunch shoulders and bring the chin forward.

Over-activity in this muscle pair can lead to neck pain and stiffness. A healthy neck can rotate about 80 degrees to both sides and can lean over laterally at an angle of about 45 degrees.

YuMee Chung is a recovering lawyer who teaches yoga in Toronto. She is on the faculty of several yoga teacher training programs and leads international yoga retreats. Learn more about her at padmani.com.

## HEALTH BRIEF

### Breastfed children need Vitamin D supplements

Children should continue receiving a daily dose of Vitamin D as long as they are breastfeeding, including toddlers who consume other foods and fluids, according to researchers.

While breast milk is "the near perfect food," one thing it doesn't contain enough of is Vitamin D, says pediatrician Dr. Jonathon Maguire of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Especially in northern countries like Canada where mothers don't get as much sunlight.

As a result, organizations such as the Canadian Paediatric Society have long recommended infants receive supplement dropseed of Vitamin D, which is important for building strong bones and preventing rickets and chronic diseases. The researchers from St. Mike's and the Hospital for Sick Children found the risk of Vitamin D deficiency rose by six per cent for every month babies were breastfed past age one.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH

# Charlie Sheen's HIV disclosure boosts awareness

Actor Charlie Sheen was called a lot of things during his bad-boy days. Until now, public health promoter wasn't one of them.

Sheen's revelation that he's infected with the virus which causes AIDS prompted the greatest number of HIV-related Google searches recorded in the United States since 2004, and more than 1 million of them involved public health-related information.

That's according to a new study from San Diego State University research professor John Ayers and colleagues, who examined the impact of the announcement Nov. 17 by the former star of TV's Two and a Half Men.

"While no one should be forced to reveal HIV status, Sheen's disclosure may benefit public health by helping many people learn more about HIV infection and prevention," the researchers wrote in a report published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine.

They analyzed Google trends data along with news trends from a Bloomberg LP terminal system from 2004 through three weeks

**1 million**

**The number of public health-related HIV searches on Google on Nov. 17, the day Charlie Sheen disclosed his HIV positive status.**

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after Sheen's announcement. Given historic trends, there

were almost 3 million more searches about HIV on Nov. 17 than expected, and more than 1 million were related to important public health messages because they included search terms for condoms, HIV symptoms or HIV testing.

The study doesn't list the total number of HIV-related searches that day on Google.

The researchers also found there were more than 6,500 HIV-related news stories — not counting duplicates from the same news source — on Google News alone on Nov. 17, reversing a decade-long decline in news reporting about the virus.

Sheen's tumultuous professional and personal life has made news before — for public outbursts, drug and alcohol use and prostitution.

The study didn't look at the online impact of those headlines.

The researchers noted that former NBA star Magic Johnson sparked increased HIV awareness when he disclosed his own infection, in 1991, before the Internet was so ubiquitous. They said public health authorities could leverage the "Charlie Sheen effect" to keep the spotlight on HIV awareness, and that Sheen's disclosure could potentially have a greater impact because of how connected people are to information.

About 1 million people



**Charlie Sheen disclosed his HIV status on NBC's Today show on Nov. 17 last year. There were almost 3 million more searches about HIV on Google that day.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

across the United States are HIV-infected but government estimates say about 150,000 of them don't know it — emphasizing the importance of better awareness, Ayers said.

A journal editorial says public

health authorities face a challenge when blockbuster celebrity health news surfaces, and need to make sure useful health information is easily accessible to consumers at such moments.

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# Up for auction: A first date

## WHAT'S YOUR PRICE

## Sugar-daddy site matches Generous with Attractive

He's a business man who prefers to go by the alias "Michael."

She's a Russian model and Samba dancer named Jessica, who withheld her last name.

It's their first date and Michael, like a gentleman, has paid about \$45 for it. Only, he's paid Jessica directly.

The pair met on dating "auction" site [WhatsYourPrice.com](http://WhatsYourPrice.com), where users labelled "Generous" bid on first dates with users labelled "Attractive."

The site has been criticized for blurring the line between dating and escorting. Some blogs have called it "indistinguishable" from prostitution. Its more than 7,000 Toronto users — who spend or are paid an average of \$214 on first dates, according to site data — would argue it's about companionship.

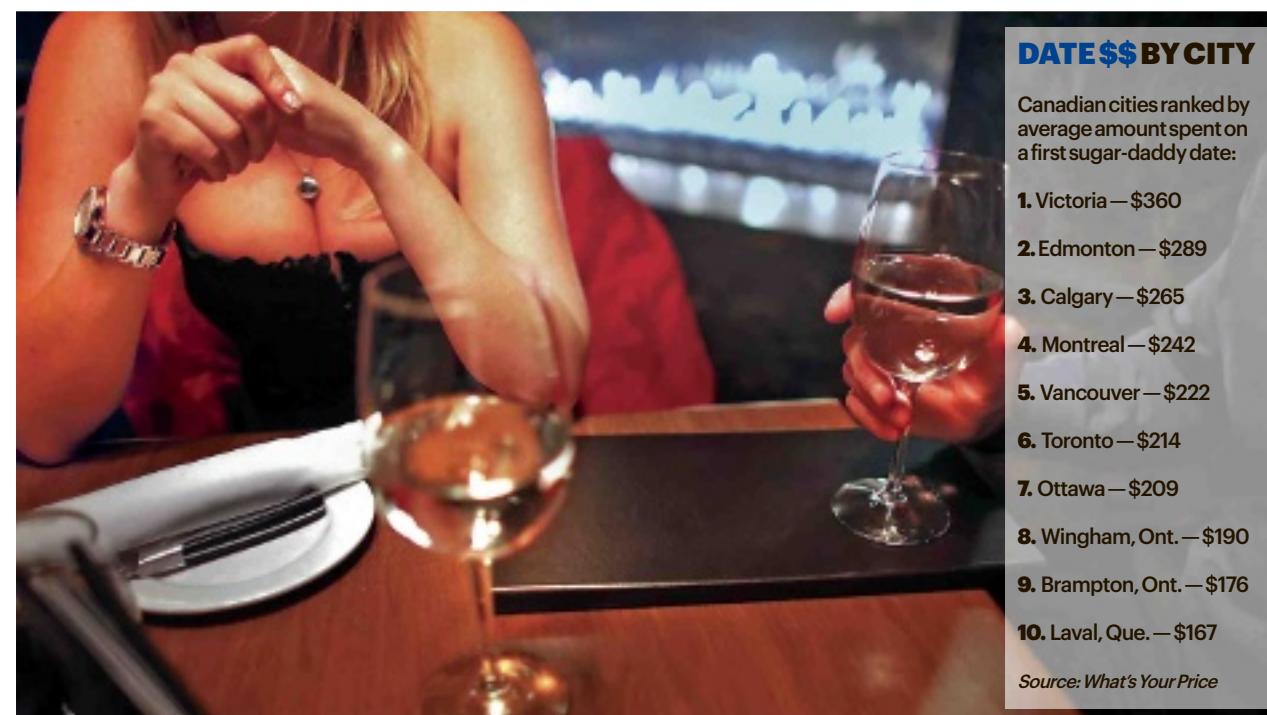
"I'm not selling myself in any way," says 25-year-old Jessica. "It's having dinner with somebody that enjoys my company. And why not get paid for it?"

Michael, 36, nods along. They've agreed to let Torstar News Service follow them on the date. For obliging, the site has promised Michael 500 credits to his profile, credits he'll use to open locked messages from "Attractive" users.

Michael, a Toronto entrepreneur working on getting a weight loss "nutraceutical" business off the ground, uses other conventional dating sites such as Match.com but hasn't had much success. He has noticed he gets a better response from women on What's Your Price, but he's not really sure why.

"For some reason it seems to interest females a bit more as opposed to regular dating," he says.

When others in her generation are swiping right on apps including Tinder and Bumble, Jessica's first digital dating experience is the unconventional sugar-daddy site. This date is the second she's been on using What's Your Price



**What's Your Price** is a dating website where "generous" men buy first dates from "attractive" women. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

after a friend recommended she check it out. So far she's made nearly \$300. A man visiting from Hawaii paid her \$220 earlier last year to join him for dinner.

Michael's offer then is relatively low. But tonight, Jessica says it was substance more than cash that brought her here. "He had a very charming profile," she says. "His offer wasn't anything special. It's not all about the money."

But money is the key component of the patent-pending site. It works like this: the "Generous" user bids on a first date with an "Attractive" member. The bid payment is promised in "good faith," according to Brittany Burridge, a rep for the site. What's Your Price does not facilitate the payment, and the "Generous" member normally pays in person after the date.

The payment is where things get controversial. Site founder Brandon Wade says the site's "no escort" policy is answer enough to its critics who say its brand of dating is no different than escorting.

"We make it extremely clear that, first of all, no sex is in-

volved. You can't talk about sex and you shouldn't expect sex on the first date," he says.

"The world in general knows that 'escort' is really just prostitution in disguise. So in that sense, we have already set ourselves apart from that."

Nicole McCance, psychologist and relationship expert doesn't buy the "no escort" policy.

"This is a business deal. This is not dating," she says. "It just worries me that if he's paying for appearance, that there may definitely be pressure on the women to do other things — sexual favours and so on — once she's with him."

McCance has counselled men who have used similar sites, which she says can become addictive. Men sometimes get a kind of "companionship high," the comedown from which can be rough. For the women, she says, it often leaves them feeling used and exploited.

But on this night in Toronto, What's Your Price appears to have forged a benign connection — perhaps even a profitable one for both.

Michael says



## \$ BRANDON WADE'S DATING UNIVERSE

- What's Your Price** Wade's second most popular site is an online "dating auction" where users buy and sell first dates.

- Miss Travel** For the worldly types of sugar daddies who love to travel, "generous" men can pay "attractive" women to travel with them.

- Seeking Arrangement** Wade's most popular sugar-

daddy service lets users get straight to the point about what they want out of the relationship. Cha-ching.

- Perfect Arrangement** An extension of Seeking Arrangement where personal matchmakers do the work for you.

- Seeking Millionaire** Dating in the upper tax brackets is made easy with Wade's site for "aspiring women" seeking

"successful men."

### • Open Minded

This site provides a "safe and stigma-free" space for couples looking for a ménage à trois or more.

- Pair Me Up** A real matchmaker helps set up a date for a small fee paid by the man. Women can get reimbursed up to \$100 for the date.

## DATE \$\$ BY CITY

Canadian cities ranked by average amount spent on a first sugar-daddy date:

1. Victoria — \$360
2. Edmonton — \$289
3. Calgary — \$265
4. Montreal — \$242
5. Vancouver — \$222
6. Toronto — \$214
7. Ottawa — \$209
8. Wingham, Ont. — \$190
9. Brampton, Ont. — \$176
10. Laval, Que. — \$167

*Source: What's Your Price*

## HEALTH BRIEF

### Task force advises against routine colonoscopies

New Canadian guidelines say colonoscopy should not be used for routine screening to detect colorectal cancer in patients with no symptoms or family history of the disease.

The guidelines from the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care strongly recommend that low-risk patients aged 50 to 74 be screened using fecal occult blood tests every two years or sigmoidoscopy every 10 years.

Sigmoidoscopy involves the insertion of a flexible scope to view the lower portion of the colon and rectum rather than the entire tract, as is the case with colonoscopy.

Task force member Dr. Scott Klarenbach of the University of Alberta says the guidelines do not apply to high-risk patients who have symptoms or a family history of the disease.

The guideline is available at [canadiantaskforce.ca](http://canadiantaskforce.ca). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'If I can play in the NHL, why not keep going?': The Panthers say they'd love to bring Jaromir Jagr, age 44, back for another season

# Road trip could influence Murray's trade decisions

NHL

**However, Sens' recent hot form means changes are unlikely**

How the Ottawa Senators perform in their next three games could determine how general manager Bryan Murray approaches the NHL trade deadline.

Ottawa (28-26-6) left Monday for a three-game western Canada road trip sitting six points behind Pittsburgh (30-20-8) for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot. The Penguins have two games in hand.

The Senators have won three straight and for the first time in weeks seem to be playing with confidence. They open the road trip against Edmonton (22-32-6) on Tuesday before facing Vancouver (23-24-12) on Thursday, then wrap it up Saturday against Calgary (26-29-3).

"It's a real big trip for our team," said new defenceman Dion Phaneuf. "We took care of things at home."

"I think we did a lot of good things on the way we played but we want to continue to improve, continue to grow our game. We've got to do that Tuesday in Edmonton."

Ottawa's longest win streak this season is four games regis-



**Senators GM Bryan Murray will probably avoid major alterations on trade deadline.** BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

tered in November. Since then the team has struggled to find any consistency, that is, until recently.

The biggest difference now seems to be the Senators' willingness to keep things simple.

Just over a week ago the

team opted for meetings over on-ice practices. Head coach Dave Cameron says a lot was hashed out during that time and it seems to have resonated with the players. "We've been stubborn this year," he said. "We'll get rolling along

**We have one of the closest groups I've been around, so I don't think there's a whole lot of eagerness for change in the room.** Senators forward Bobby Ryan

and then we'll get stubborn and think we can be creative in a situation where the numbers dictate that we should get more ice behind.

"Then you end up chasing and the other team scores and your confidence ends up a bit wobbly and fragile. For the last 10 games, even though we lost three in a row, we felt we played real good hockey. We're making headway and we've got no margin for error and we've got to keep it going."

Players realize this week could impact how Murray looks at the Feb. 29 trade deadline.

"Anything that will make your team better you're always hopeful that something happens," said forward Bobby Ryan. "At the same time we have one of the closest groups I've been around so I don't think there's a whole lot of eagerness for change in the room."



**Coach Dave Cameron puts the current 3-game streak down to not being stubborn.** GETTY IMAGES

Murray already made a huge move acquiring Phaneuf from the Toronto Maple Leafs while relieving himself of Colin Greening's contract and trading defenceman Jared Cowen, who hadn't lived up to expectations. Murray has expressed an interest in another top-six forward but the price would have to be right. Ideally Murray would want a player with term remaining and not just a rental.

Even if Ottawa fails to get the results it wants on the road trip, it's still unlikely Murray would make major changes. Veteran Chris Neil, an unrestricted free agent at season's end, could be moved to a playoff contender and Murray might also consider dealing defenceman Patrick Wiercioch or forward Shane Prince as neither has fulfilled expectations.

**Under-fire United easily progress to cup quarters**  
Manchester United beat Shrewsbury 3-0 in the fifth round of the FA Cup on Monday and gave under-fire manager Louis van Gaal at least three days' breathing space. They will face West Ham in the quarter finals.

Chris Smalling, Juan Mata, and Jesse Lingard were all on the scoresheet.

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**CURLING — NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## Northern Ontario edged by perfect Alberta at Scotties

Alberta's Chelsea Carey remained the only team without a loss at the Canadian women's curling championship after a 9-8 win over Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville on Monday.

The Calgary team scored three points in the third and stole another trio in the fourth to take a 6-2 lead, but Northern Ontario still forced the Alberta skip to throw her last stone for the win.

The host province was 4-0 with a game to play at night against Prince Edward Island.

### LATE DRAW

Ottawa skip Jenn Hanna's Team Ontario (1-2) took on Nova Scotia's Jill Brothers (2-2) in Monday's late draw in Grande Prairie, Alta. [Go to metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca) for the result. METRO

Einarsen with 2-1. Defending champion Jennifer Jones and Ontario's Jenn Hanna were 1-2 with games to play at night.



**Alberta skip Chelsea Carey** watches her shot during the sixth draw against Northern Ontario. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Pistons rescind 3-team deal with Rockets, 76ers**

The Detroit Pistons rescinded a three-player, three-team trade with the Houston Rockets and Philadelphia 76ers on Monday, saying not all the players involved were cleared medically.

Houston had traded guard Marcus Thornton and centre Donatas Motiejunas to Detroit last week for centre Joel Anthony and a protected, first-round draft pick this year. The Rockets also moved to acquire the draft rights of 76ers forward Chukwudiebere Madubum.

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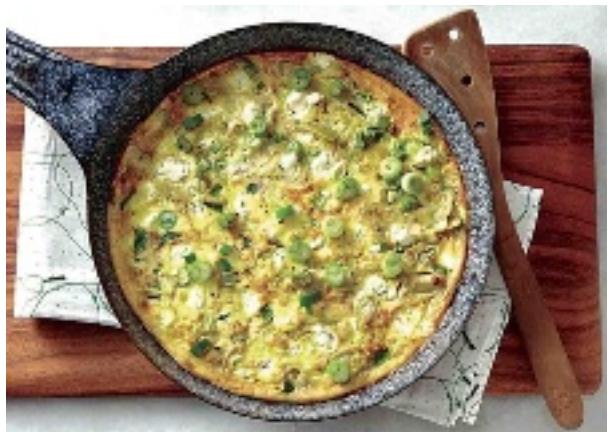
**RECIPE** Leek and Artichoke Frittata

PHOTO: MAYA VAN SICKLE

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

Get your Tuesday going with a dinner of green eggs (but no ham, although, we guess you could add that!). We love the slightly salty hit of the goat cheese against the smooth eggs and artichokes.

**Ready in**

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Total time: 20 minutes

**Serves 4****Ingredients**

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 leek, washed thoroughly and sliced thinly
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can of artichokes, drained (14 oz)
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 8 eggs
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard

- Salt and pepper
- 2 oz goat cheese crumbled

**Directions**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large, oven-proof skillet, warm up the olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the garlic and leeks until they soften, about 3 minutes. Now add the artichokes and stir.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, Dijon mustard, and season with salt and pepper. Gently pour the eggs over the vegetables in the skillet. Sprinkle the goat cheese and scallions over top.
4. Carefully place the skillet in the oven and bake for 15 minutes, until the frittata is set. Serve with a green salad.

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**CROSSWORD** Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

**ACROSS**

1. The \_\_\_ of the Shrew
7. Pen brand
10. Everly Brothers: "Let It \_\_\_"
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15. Tokyo, formerly
16. Malefic
17. 1957 to 1966 crime drama ...more at #24-Across: 2 wds.
19. Salami shop
20. Six: Italian
21. Mother goddess of Thebes
22. W.C.'s surname
24. On the American show at #17-Across, Canadian actor Raymond Burr starred in the title role as a what?: 2 wds.
28. \_\_\_ pipe
30. Ms. Hatcher's
31. Firearms org.
32. Cling causer
34. Defeats
36. Morns opposites in verse
37. Hooting hatchling
39. Mr. Baldwin
43. Emmy-winning actress Ms. Woodard
45. 1981: "The Stroke" by Billy \_\_\_
47. Periods beyond regular hrs.
50. Work \_\_\_ (Masterpiece)
52. Video game pioneer
53. Canadian Cheddar might be a selection on one: 2 wds.
56. Cherry: French
57. WWII operation, \_\_\_ Jima
58. Imaginary globe line, e.g.
61. Hand-me-down
62. Mailing services locale: 2 wds.
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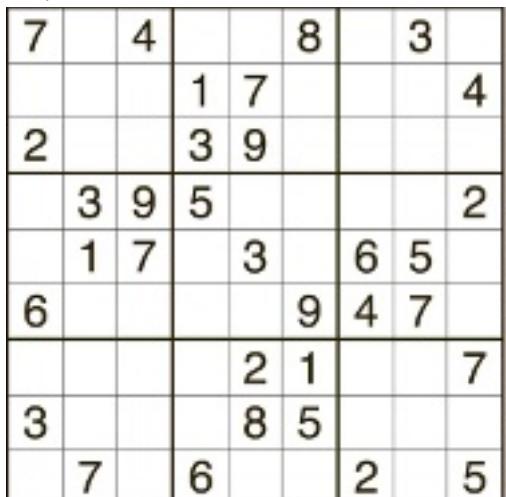
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8. Nuptials vow: 2 wds.
9. Clashes
10. Cover with droplets

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**\* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You will have a hard time controlling your emotions. Be warned though: if you blow your top you may offend someone powerful. Whatever the issue, it's not the end of the world, so calm down.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
The more you tell others what to do today the more they'll do the opposite to spite you. Some people do not like to be directed. This is not the time to come on strong.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You are trying so hard to please one person that someone else feels neglected. If you want both relationships to survive you are going to have to be more even-handed.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You know from bitter experience that if you try to please everyone you end up pleasing no one, so aim to please the one person who truly matters — you. Your generosity will be taken for granted today so don't waste it.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You won't see eye-to-eye with someone over a business or financial matter. Give the situation a bit more time and it will resolve itself.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You may fear the worst over a partnership matter but you are being way too pessimistic. This is just a passing phase and by the end of the week you will be the best of friends again — and maybe more than friends too!

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Changes in your working routine may not be to your liking but in the long-term they will work in your favour. Progress will come whether you want it or not, so be smart and work with the forces of change.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
No one has the right to tell you how to behave or how to manage your affairs. There is no point arguing with certain people, just get on and do what feels right to you.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Jump to conclusions today and chances are they will be wrong. Wait before deciding if someone has let you down. Later you'll realize that you got the wrong end of the stick.

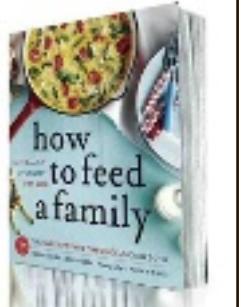
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Get tough. Let whoever's giving you a hard time know you'll no longer stand there and take what they dish out. You're under no obligation to be nice to those who aren't nice to you.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Something needs to be brought into the open. Face up to what has come between you and a friend or family member and find ways to deal with it. There may be a few tears but it will all come right in the end.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Yesterday's full moon is still having an effect, not least by stirring up old rivalries. There may be a few harsh words today but you must not hold any grudges.

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